Earning a Dime the Hard Way

British Columbia's only woman poundkeeper, Miss Merida Cummings, incarcerated her first "prisoner" this week, a balky Suffolk ewe, on her ranch beside St. Mary's Lake in the heart of the Salt Spring Island (North) Pound District. Far from being on the road to easy riches with her new job, the comely brunette collects mere 10 cents a day for impounding stray sheep like this one.—(Photo by Terry Hammond)

274,000 'Hot' Acres

Oil, Gas Bonanza Up for Tender

Leases on parcels of land in British Columbia's richest oil and natural gas areas will be awarded tomorrow by officials of the provincial mines department.

Some 29 parcels of land, ranging in size from 652 acres to 99,242 acres will be awarded to successful tenderers. The world's biggest oil companies are expected to submit tenders, either under their own company names, or through subsidiary companies.

A similar sale, in November last year, brought in more than $3,500,000 to general revenue.

A total of 274,000 acres is involved in the 29 sections, mainly in northeastern B.C., the Peace River district, and the Fraser Valley.

A number of the parcels of land are in the oil and gas rich Boundary Lake, Buick Creek and Blueberry areas where prospecting companies have either made strikes or confidently expect them.

Tenders will be opened at 10 a.m. tomorrow and results of the sale will be known by about 3 p.m.

Tenders are for "bonus payments" for the privilege of prospecting the areas. The successful tenderers also have to pay fixed fees for leases and permits.

High prices are expected for the "hot" areas, and this could make the total return to the government's general revenue fund substantial.

The $3,500,000 gained last year was for 32 lots totalling 1,180,900 acres, some four times the area offered in the present sale.

At the start of 1959 Norway's poplation was 3,541,000, an increase of 1 per cent in 12 months.

Self-Service Beer Parlors May Follow Wage Demands

NANAIMO—The B.C. Hotelmen's Association has warned that unless bartenders modify wage demands management may start a self-service system in some beer parlors on Vancouver Island. The Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders' Union (CLC) has demanded a 40-per-cent wage boost plus fringe benefits from 44 hotels.

Hotel and Restaurant Workers' Union, Local 619, is bargaining on behalf of the bartenders. B.C. Hotelmen's Association representative Stan Smith of Vancouver is conducting negotiations for hotel operators.

$3,000 Fire In Home Kills Budgie

PORT ALBERNI — Damage to house and contents in a house fire yesterday afternoon was estimated by Fire Chief William Venables to be around $3,000.

A budgie bird died in the fire at the home of Magnus Macland, 809 Rogers Street, when smoke filled the new building from a fire which started near a woodpile in the basement. Smoke damage to the furnishings was extensive.

$350,000 Park Loan Shelved by Saanich

Saanich parks committee last night shelved for the present a proposal that council should borrow $350,000 to buy land immediately for future park development needs.

The proposal was deferred while an approach is made to school boards in the municipality for permission to use school playing fields and facilities outside of school hours.

Coun. Charles Nelles, chairman of the committee; Reeve George Chatterton and parks foreman A. E. Richman were appointed to hold discussions with school boards.

But, Coun. Nelles said, use of school playing fields would only help it would not solve Saanich's problem.

The alternative to borrowing a lump sum and buying needed land now is for Saanich council to put money aside each year to provide funds for land purchases, he added.

Comptroller-treasurer John Tribe told the committee that half of one mill levied against property owners each year would carry a $600,000 loan over 20 years. Of this amount some $250,000 would go on interest, leaving $350,000 for land purchases.

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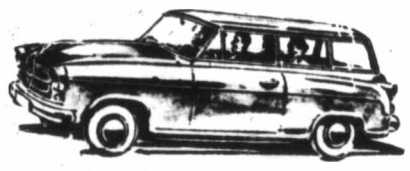

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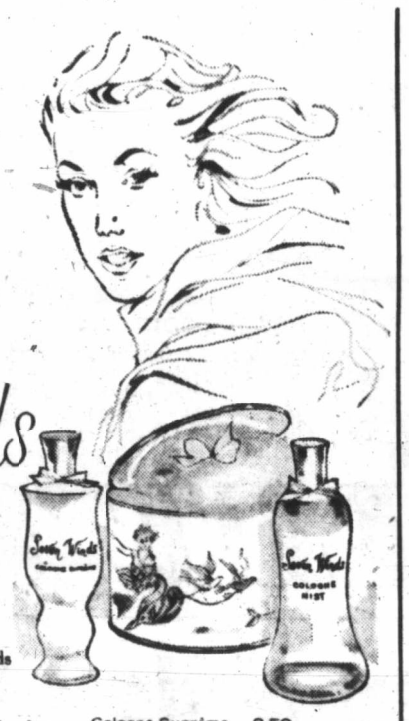

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